

COUNTRY	West Germany	
TOPIC	Military Information from Zeitz	
EVALUATION	25X1X	PLACE OBTAINED
DATE OF CONTENT	19 to 24 January 1953	
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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)		
REMARKS		

SOURCE [redacted] 25X1X

1. From 19 to 24 January 1953, the Infanterie Kaserne east of Friedens Strasse, Zeitz, was occupied by an estimated 2,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets mostly with artillery insignia and, about 25 percent, with AT and motor transport insignia. Drill with and without carbines and formation drill was observed in the installation. A target range, about 150 meters long, was being prepared in the barracks area. Reports of AT guns were heard from there. At 4 p.m. on 22 January, rocket launchers [redacted]

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[redacted] occupied by soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, were seen entering the installation. At 11 a.m. on 23 January, trucks [redacted]

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25X1B [redacted] each towing a 57-mm AT gun; trucks [redacted] occupied

by soldiers; truck [redacted] with a field kitchen; and ambulance [redacted] were seen leaving the installation. The column was escorted by a total of about 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and AT insignia. All motor vehicles [redacted]

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25X1B Motor vehicles seen en route to the installation included [redacted]

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2. From 19 to 24 January, the Artillerie Kaserne west of Friedens Strasse was occupied by an estimated 1,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A few soldiers wearing motor transport and artillery insignia and 50 to 80 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets were also seen. Individual training as well as training at squad level was observed in the installation. Trucks [redacted]

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25X1B [redacted] were seen en route to the installation. Units of 800 to 1,000 soldiers continually received training in the Elsterwiesen and Muehlwiesen (meadows). Tanks participated in night practices. Their [redacted]

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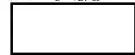
25X1A 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the unit observed leaving the Infanterie Kaserne on 23 January 1953, as well as motor vehicle [redacted] belongs to the 8th Gds Mecz Div. The presence at Zeitz of a unit of this division cannot be accounted for.

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2. [] Comment. The two regiments of the 20th Gds Mecz Div stationed in Zeitz can be carried in the Artillerie Kaserne as previously. This was also indicated by a previous report by the same source in late December 1952. [] .

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